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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: INDIA-PAKISTAN, TERRORISM,
ISLAM VS WEST, AFGHANISTAN, CLIMATE CONTROL; NEW DELHI.

This countrywide cable reports on relevant media reaction/opinion from India's large non-English press. The Mission reports on English-language media via email through the daily "Early Edition" summary.

INDIA-PAKISTAN

¶1. "PAKISTAN'S RELUCTANCE," op-ed in January 17 Hindi daily, DAINIK JAGRAN: "Indian intellectuals are demanding a resumption of the stalled composite India-Pakistan dialogue. Talks are welcome, but the recommencement of dialogue could be seen as a victory of the policy of supporting terrorism. Since the Pakistani army has the last word, it is necessary to assess its outlook on anti-terrorism operations. The U.S. is going to increase attacks on terrorists' bases. Let's see how much the Pakistani army cooperates with the U.S. Until Pakistan gives evidence of its trustworthiness, talks are out of question."

TERRORISM

¶2. "TARGET KABUL," editorial in January 19 right-of-center Gujarati daily, GUJARAT SAMACHAR: "The heavy gunfire and rocket bombing in Kabul has once again revealed Pakistan-Taliban unholy nexus through which the Taliban got the sophisticated arms supplied by

America to Pakistan to fight terrorism."

¶3. "AL-QAIDA IN YEMEN," commentary in January 15 Hindi daily, DAINIK JAGRAN: "Al-Qaida is rapidly spreading in poor Muslim countries, especially where there is anarchy and the government cannot reach the people. The question is, can the U.S. beat Al-Qaida in the game? Former President Bush made establishing democracy in anarchic countries a cornerstone of his policy and Obama is following on the same track. But before trying to push democracy, the U.S. will have to promote economic development in these countries. A change in U.S. strategy is called for."

ISLAM VS WEST

¶4. "WEST SHOULD ABANDON ITS ANTI-ISLAM ATTITUDE," editorial in January 18 right-of-center Urdu daily MUNSIF: "The Western media has left no stone unturned to malign Muslims, and spread Islam phobia across the world. Muslims are branded as terrorists. The West should abandon the path of conflict with the Islamic world and it should mend its relations with the followers of Islam."

AFGHANISTAN

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¶5. "THE MATTER IS THAT....," editorial in January 17 right-of-center Urdu daily, URDU TIMES: "Why isn't America withdrawing its forces from Afghanistan when every significant person of Western imperialism is saying that America has lost the war there? This war was and will remain a war of the Zionists. If the Zionists do not want to get out of Afghanistan, there is certainly a solid reason. The Zionists aim at laying siege around the two holy mosques (at Mecca and Medina) because its map of a greater Israel includes the entire Hejaz, Arab, Iraq and Egypt."

CLIMATE CONTROL

¶6. "THE WORLD IS ON THE VERGE OF AN APOCALYPSE," op-ed in January 19 left-of-center Marathi daily, MAHARASHTRA TIMES: "After having raised expectations, President Barack Obama has disappointed everyone by letting a golden opportunity go -- he was unable to make any strong commitment to bring down the carbon emissions of his country. Naturally, the other countries also followed the self-serving path. He should have sent a strong message at the outset. But he seemed unsure of his own transformative agenda, and therefore could not garner support for a common green vision."
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